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SUBJ: RHODESIAN SANCTIONS COMITE MEETING, AUG 16

SUMMARY: COMITE AGREED TO ISSUE PRESS RELEASE RECORDING KENYAN REP'S STATEMENT TO COMITE CONCERNING VISIT TO SOUTHERN RHODESIA OF "VENTURE FOR VICTORY," A PRIVATE AMERICAN COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAM. END SUMMARY.

1. AS PREVIEWED IN USUN 2804, KENYAN REP OPENED SECOND PART OF COMITE'S AUG 16 MEETING BY REPORTING FOLLOWING INCIDENT: A PRIVATE AMERICAN COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAM, CALLED "VENTURE FOR VICTORY", REPORTEDLY FINANCED BY PRIVATE AMERICAN RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, RECEIVED VISAS TO TRAVEL TO KENYA THIS SUMMER, IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BASKETBALL CONTESTS. THIS TRAVEL WAS PART OF AN AFRICAN-WIDE TOUR BY THE GROUP. WHEN TEAM ARRIVED IN LAGOS, KENYAN ATHLETIC UNION LEARNED THAT TEAM ALSO INTENDED TO VISIT SOUTHERN RHODESIA. UPON RECEIVING THIS INFO, KENYAN ATHLETIC UNION SENT TELEGRAPHIC ADVICE TO TEAM IN LAGOS, ADVISING THAT, SHOULD TEAM TRAVEL TO SOUTHERN RHODESIA, THEY WOULD NOT BE WELCOME TO PLAY BASKETBALL IN KENYA.

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THEY WOULD BE RECEIVED, HOWEVER, AS TOURISTS. SUBSEQUENTLY,

KENYAN MISSION LEARNED THAT TEAM HAD DECIDED NOT TO TRAVEL TO KENYA, AND CURRENTLY IS PARTICIPATING IN BASKETBALL COMPETITION IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

2. US REP OUTLINED USG INTERPRETATION OF RIGHT TO PRIVATE TRAVEL BY AMERICAN CITIZENS. HE STRESSED THAT TEAM, AS POINTED OUT REPEATEDLY BY KENYAN REP, WAS STRICTLY PRIVATE IN NATURE. ALTHOUGH KENYAN HIMSELF HAD ASKED ONLY THAT THIS INFO BE NOTED BY COMITE MEMBERS, YUGO REP JOB, WHO ALSO ACTING AS CHAIRMAN, URGED THAT COMITE ISSUE PRESS RELEASE ON MATTER. INDIA PROPOSED THAT A PRESS RELEASE REPORT REMARKS OF KENYAN REP, WITHOUT COMMENT. USSR SUPPORTED INDIAN PROPOSAL. GUINEA STATED THAT US "ONCE AGAIN" HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN EFFORTS OF WORLD COMMUNITY TO ISOLATE SOUTHERN RHODESIA. HE SUPPORTED INDIAN PROPOSAL, AND ASKED THAT "APPEAL BE LAUNCHED TO US PUBLIC OPINION TO AVOID FUTURE CASES." US REP ONCE AGAIN DREW ATTENTION TO RIGHTS OF FREE TRAVEL BY AMERICAN CITIZENS, THE SANCTITY OF THIS PRINCIPLE IN AMERICAN LIFE, AND OUR OFT-STATED RESERVATION OVER APPLICATION OF SR SANCTIONS IN SUCH INSTANCES. PRC REP SAID THAT THIS CLEARLY WAS "US BASKETBALL TEAM," EXPRESSED "DEEP CONCERN," AND AGREED TO PRESS RELEASE. US REP CORRECTED HIM AS TO IDENTITY OF TEAM. SOV REP SAID THAT AS US CITIZENS, THESE BASKETBALL PLAYERS WERE REPRESENTING US. HE ADDED THAT HE WAS "WELL FAMILIAR" WITH "TRICKS" USED BY AMERICANS TO TRAVEL TO SOUTHERN RHODESIA. US REP COUNTERED. KENYAN REP THEN STATED THAT HE HAD NOT INTENDED TO ASK COMITE TO ISSUE PRESS RELEASE, NOR DID HIS MISSION FEEL THERE WERE ANY "TRICKS" INVOLVED IN THE TRAVEL OF THESE US BASKETBALLERS. HIS DEL WOULD BE AVAILABLE, HOWEVER, TO ASSIST ON A DRAFT PRESS RELEASE. YUGOSLAV REP IDENTIFIED HIS COUNTRY WITH PRINCIPLE OF FREE TRAVEL, STRESSING YUGOSLAVIA'S "OPEN BORDERS." HE AGREED THAT ACCEPTABLE FORMULA COULD BE PRESS RELEASE INCLUDING STATEMENT MADE TO COMITE BY KENYAN REP, DESCRIBING INCIDENT. THIS WAS SUPPORTED BY SUDAN.

3. ACTING CHAIRMAN THEN SUGGESTED ADDITIONAL SENTENCE STATING: "COMITE EXPRESSED ITS APPRECIATION FOR STATEMENT BY DISTINGUISHED REP OF KENYA." KENYAN REP INDICATED HIS CONCERN ABOUT EXACTLY WHAT TEXT MIGHT SAY. UK AND FRENCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DELS PROPOSED RE-DRAFT OF THE ADDITIONAL SENTENCE, WHICH WAS ACCEPTED. FOLLOWING KENYAN STATEMENT, WHICH WOULD BE WORKED ON BY KENYAN REP AND SECRETARIAT, BASED ON SUMMARY RECORDS, WOULD BE A FINAL SENTENCE READING: "THE COMITE THANKED KENYA FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMITE'S WORK." AFTER MEETING, KENYAN REP INDICATED TO US REP THAT PRESS RELEASE HAD NOT BEEN HIS DEL'S INTENTION, AND THAT BRINGING MATTER UP AT ALL HAD BEEN PURSUANT TO

INSTRUCTIONS FROM NAIROBI.

4. IN OTHER BUSINESS, CONCERNING ITS ORGANIZATION OF WORK, COMITE AGREED THAT SECRETARIAT SHOULD PREPARE LETTER FOR COMITE'S STUDY, TO BE SENT TO GOVTS CONCERNING RECRUITMENT OF EXPERTS TO ASSIST IN DEVISING PROCEDURES TO ENFORCE SANCTIONS, AS PER SECOND SPECIAL REPORT, PART III, PARA 12 AND PARA 5(B) OF COMITE WP 77. THIS DRAFT LETTER WILL BE CIRCULATED TO COMITE MEMBERS FOR THEIR COMMENT AND APPROVAL. CONCERNING SSR, PART III, PARA 15 (WP 77 PARA 5(D)), IT WAS AGREED THAT SECRETARIAT WOULD DEVELOP INFO FOR COMITE CONCERNING MODALITIES INVOLVED IN ESTABLISHING A "SPECIAL FUND."

5. MEETING ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR AUG 14 WAS CANCELED; DATE FOR NEXT MEETING WILL BE DETERMINED AUG 20.  
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